Central assistance under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).

Recruitment in spite of overstaffing in NCCF

4130. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCCF is over-staff and retrenchment of staff is under way; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) It is a fact that the NCCF is over staffed. Presently, there is no proposal for the retrenchment of its staff.

Alleged atrocities on Scheduled Caste of Neerukonda Village in Andhra Pradesh

4131. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Harijans of Neerukonda village in District Gunter of Andhra Pradesh had suffered a series of attacks in the last two months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in there attacks many Harijans were killed and more than 150 of their houses were gutted;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on account of the harassment and intimation suffered by them most of the villagers have fled their village and taken refuge in the Maangalgiri village;

(d) if so, what is the number of deaths and the number of Houses gutted and what is the extent of other losses suffered by them; and

(e) what steps Government are taking to provide security of life and property to this weaker section of the society and whether Government are providing compensation and constructing houses for the rehabilitation of those Harijans whose houses had been set on fire?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) According to the report received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, on 15th July, 1987, a mob of 100 persons armed with deadly weapons attacked the Harijan Basti in Neerukonda. In this incident, one Harijan aged about 70 years was killed and 4 received grievous injuries and 9 received simple injuries.

On 25th July, 1987, and incident of fire on houses of Harijans in Neerukonda occured in which 78 houses were gutted and 107 families rendered homeless. There was, however, no casuality.

(c) to (e) The information will be laid on the Table of House on receipt from the State Government.

Financial assistance to Orissa for Drought

4132. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the water resources have dried up at many places including backward and adivasi areas of Orissa due to unprecedented drought condition this year; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of financial assistance being made available to the State of Orissa as a sequel to Prime Ministers' announcement on the 31st July, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN